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## MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING ANNOUNCED

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The first Master's degree in nursing in San Diego was announced today by Irene Palmer, Ph.D., Dean, University of San Diego Hahn School of Nursing. The degree program is scheduled to begin with the Spring semester, January 31, 1977, and will provide options for full time and part time study as well as summer session. Presently, USD offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for registered nurses.

San Diego is the ninth largest metropolitan area in the nation and until now the only one without a graduate degree nursing program.

A Master's degree in nursing is an essential requirement for clinical nursing specialization, teaching, supervision, administration, and management in nursing. The program will provide a Major in Family Health Nursing and grant a M.S. degree in nursing. The program of studies will require 36 units of study and a thesis, or 39 units of study as a non-thesis option.

According to Dean Palmer, "the proposals for refocusing the direction and extent of health services in the nation all identify the dual goals of the prevention of disease and disability and the promotion of health. These twin objectives occur most logically within the concepts of the family and the community."

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Within the concept of Family Health, the student will undertake theoretical and clinical study of the health maintenance and health promotion problems of families in the several developmental stages along the life continuum which present crises and stress, requiring reorganization of the life of the family, and present rich opportunities for nursing intervention.

Preparation in the content specialty will require 15 units of study and provide for an independent practicum in the student's selected area of Family Health. Opportunity will be provided for the student to experience learnings in broad categories of family health problems while developing competency and expertise in a specific area, for example mental health, or maternal-child, etc.

Preparation for the positional role of teacher or administrator-manager of nursing is provided through theoretical and practical experiences designed to prepare the graduate to assume a beginning position in one of these roles. The student will pursue theoretical study in both the administrative-management area and the teaching-learning area, with a practicum in one selected area.

Enhanced understanding of the forces affecting greater effectiveness in the work setting will be provided through a course analyzing the forces operant in given situations. The professional nurse prepared with a focus on family and community nursing will be in a key position to foster new and emerging health care systems of significant scope and quality. In addition, nurses so prepared will be actively involved in the settings and environment that breed and foster the continuance of health problems. The opportunities for constructive influence and correction are great.

The program of studies is under the direction of Dr. Irene S. Palmer, Dean of the Hahn School of Nursing.

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